



Endangered and Threatened Species and Critical Habitats
under the Jurisdiction of the NOAA Fisheries



Puerto Rico

Listed Species	Scientific Name	Status	Date Listed
Marine Mammals			
blue whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
Caribbean monk seal	<i>Monachus tropicalis</i>	Endangered	3/11/67
finback whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaengliae</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sei whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sperm whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
Turtles			
green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Threatened ¹	07/28/78
hawksbill sea turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
Kemp's ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Threatened	07/28/78

Designated Critical Habitat

Green sea turtle: The waters extending seaward 3 nautical miles (5.6 km) from the mean high water line of Culebra Island, Puerto Rico.

Hawksbill sea turtle: The waters extending seaward 3 nautical miles (5.6 km) from the mean high water line of Mona and Monito Islands, Puerto Rico

Species Proposed for Listing

None

Proposed Critical Habitat

None

¹ Green turtles are listed as threatened, except for breeding populations of green turtles in Florida and on the Pacific Coast of Mexico, which are listed as endangered



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Candidate Species ²	Scientific Name
Invertebrates	
elkhorn coral	<i>Acropora palmata</i>
staghorn coral	<i>Acropora cervicornis</i>
fused-staghorn coral	<i>Acropora prolifera</i>

Species of Concern ³	Scientific Name
Fish	
dusky shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>
goliath grouper	<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>
mangrove rivulus	<i>Rivulus marmoratus</i>
night shark	<i>Carcharhinus signatus</i>
sand tiger shark	<i>Odontaspis taurus</i>
speckled hind	<i>Epinephelus drummondhayi</i>
striped croaker	<i>Bairdiella sanctaeluciae</i>
Warsaw grouper	<i>Epinephelus nigritus</i>
white marlin	<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>
Invertebrates	
ivory bush coral	<i>Oculina varicosa</i>

² The Candidate Species List has been renamed the Species of Concern List. The term "candidate species" is limited to species that are the subject of a petition to list and for which NOAA Fisheries has determined that listing may be warranted (69 FR 19975).

³ Species of Concern are not protected under the Endangered Species Act, but concerns about their status indicate that they may warrant listing in the future. Federal agencies and the public are encouraged to consider these species during project planning so that future listings may be avoided.